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HELPS FOR THE HARD TIMES

Important to Farmers---Take Note

IMPORTANT THINGS TO BE DONE IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL

Now is the most important time of all to lay a good foundation for a prosperous year in the matter of food supplies, and providing for a little ready cash at all times. This can be done by having a good garden, a few fowls well cared for, a pig or two, and always being on the alert to take advantage of the many little opportunities to make a few dimes as they present themselves to you from time to time during the year.

February

The first essential is a good garden; one cannot really estimate its value in dollars and cents. A well kept garden should furnish directly and indirectly one-half of the food supply of the family, besides going a long way toward keeping the family healthy. With a little intelligent effort every person can have a good garden.

Begin now by hauling out leaves, rich earth from the woods, and muck from the rich swamps. Spread this on the ground at least six inches deep; spade or turn under with a plow to a depth of eight or nine inches; spread on another layer of rich earth-leaves, etc., in the same way, except to every two loads of leaves, muck, etc., mix one of barnyard manure; plow again just deep enough to cover the manure up well; rake or harrow thoroughly, and begin planting the following:

Irish (white) potatoes, English peas, onion sets and shallots. Sow early Jersey Wakefield, extra selected Charleston, improved early drumhead, and early flat Dutch cabbage seed; parsnips, beets, spinach, carrots, lettuce, radish, mustard, parsley, egg plants, pepper, and tomato seed should be planted in boxes in the house, hot-beds, cold frames, or protected places.

About the middle of the month plant a patch of early corn.

March

Make another sowing of:

English peas, cabbage, cauliflower. More onion sets, shallots, etc., may be planted. Also plant collards, corn, cow peas, peanuts, okra, squash, cushaws, cucumbers, pumpkins, watermelons, cantaloups, parsnips, carrots, radish, lettuce, parsley, snap and Lima beans. Sweet potatoes should be bedded.

April

Replant all the seed of last month that made a poor stand.

Set cabbage, egg plants, and tomatoes in open ground. Have tin cans, boxes, or paper hoods ready to turn over the tomatoes and egg plants, in case a late frost should make its appearance. In this way early tomatoes can be had. Cotton seed may be planted.

Ways to Make Money

1. Of the many ways to keep a little cash coming in with a considerable degree of regularity, the following are the most important:

Twelve good hens and one rooster well cared for will not only furnish the family plenty of eggs, but enough for setting and a surplus to sell, Chickens both old and young, can be sold at all times, and chickens hatched now always bring a fancy price just as soon as they reach the broiling or frying stage.

The Rhode Island Reds and Barred Plymouth Rocks have been the most satisfactory all-purpose fowl with us. Select either of these breeds you wish, and give them good attention, and you will be surprised at the income they will bring you.

2. There is always a demand for early cabbage, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, peppers, and egg plants. All of these are easily grown in hotbeds, cold, frames, or in boxes in sunny windows.

3. Lettuce, parsley, radishes, and onions are easily grown in the same way as above described, and at this time of the year will sell readily.

4. Lightwood from fat pine trees and stumps sell readily, as well as good dry wood. In many places there are large quantities of old dead trees going to waste that would make excellent wood and kindling, which would sell without any trouble if cut and brought to the market. A few hours a week spent in this way will bring surprising returns.

5. Home-made shingles, fence palings, baskets, horse collars, quilts, rugs, shuck mats, axe, hatchet, hoe, and fork handles can be sold if made well, and a reasonable price asked. The same is true with the many styles of home-made lace and fancy work.

6. Nearly everyone prefers home-canned and home-preserved fruits and vegetables to those put up in a commercial way, and anyone doing this artistically and cheaply would command patronage. This includes lye hominy.

7. Have one or two hogs. They can be raised, beginning in April with pigs, to maturity with practically no cash outlay, by giving them all the slops and refuse vegetables from the garden, plus the weeds, etc., that grow in such abundance everywhere.

Home-made sausage is a luxury, and all one has to do is to let people know they have it to sell. The demand here is never satisfied. Much the same is true of souse, hog's-head cheese, scrapel, pig's feet and ears, chitterlings, together with a fine lot of choice lard and cracklings.

I have said nothing about the value of a good cow, taking for granted that she is out of your reach just now, but make your plans to secure one at the earliest possible date. If given the proper care she will furnish at least half the family's living.

These are only a few of the many ways of becoming thrifty and self-supporting. Begin at once to put some of them into effect; others I am sure will suggest themselves to you.

(Signed) G. W. CARVER,

Director Dept. of Research and Experiment Station, Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

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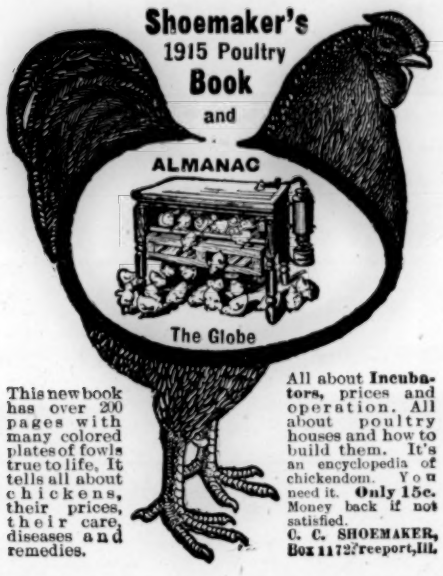

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"Big Words" and Events Explained

THE "BIG" WORDS AND EVENTS EXPLAINED

Please explain just what the threatened trouble is between Germany and Great Britain on the one side and the United States on the other.—A Teacher.

1. Great Britain and the Allies, now fighting against Germany, have determined to prevent neutral powers from sending any food to Germany—that's the plain truth of that.

2. Germany claims that such action, resulting in the starving of persons in Germany who are not fighting, is contrary to international law.

To "get even," Germany announces that she will have her submarines attack every English merchantman, that is, ships that simply carry goods and are not war vessels.

3. To avoid this, Great Britain has instructed her merchantmen to fly the flag of the nations which are neutral, that is, not engaged in the war. Since to attack a neutral merchant vessel is equal to a declaration of war, if done on purpose, Great Britain placed Germany in the attitude of making war on all neutral nations.

Also, Great Britain has advised her merchantmen to arm themselves to prevent submarine and other boats from approaching them.

4. To meet these tactics, Germany decided that since she could not get near enough, in safety, to examine a vessel to see if it really was British or otherwise, and since the neutral nations have not protested against Great Britain's use of their flags to deceive German war vessels, Germany will take no chances but will attack every merchant vessel, regardless of the flags they fly if they are found within certain places on the sea which Germany fixed as the war zone.

5. Naturally, the United States warned Germany that if our friendly neutral ships are sunk, this Government must protect herself, which of course, means war; and—

6. Naturally, this Government also complained to Great Britain about hiding under and behind our flag; and—

There we are.

MAKING CHEESE AT HOME

Did you ever try making a little cheese? The process is not at all difficult, but like making anything else a little practice is necessary to turn out a high-grade product. But you never made butter, or a pie or a cake that equalled the best until after a few attempts, perhaps a few failures. Here is a simple method that can be followed in producing your own home supply. Take milk three or four hours old that has been kept at about 70 degrees and which has not commenced to sour.

The first step is to heat to 86 degrees, add commercial rennet, three-tenths of an ounce, or 8.5 cubic centimeters, to 100 pounds of milk. Allow to coagulate for 30 or 40 minutes. Now break the curd with a spoon or three-cornered stick until the particles are the size of the end of your little finger. Now heat slowly up to 100 degrees, stirring more or less constantly; when the mass reaches 100 degrees, let stand at that temperature until the curd becomes firm. Roughly speaking, it will require from two to two and one-half hours. A trial or two will show the time for your milk and the quantity you use.

Now drain off the whey, stir the curd for 20 minutes, allowing it to cool gradually. Salt at the rate of four ounces to 100 pounds of milk. Put in a mold, round or square, as desired, and apply considerable pressure, not less than 100 pounds to each cheese. The only utensils required are a thermometer, a tin vessel of some kind for heating and some sort of measure for measuring the rennet extract and salt. If these are not to be had at home they may be purchased, including the rennet extract, from any dairy supply house.—Southern Farming.

WINNERS FROM THE SOIL

Colored Heroes of the Land

FROM RAILROAD PORTER TO COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

A Story of Thomas B. Patterson of Downington, Pa.

You never know what is in a man's mind unless he chooses to tell you by word or deed. Thomas Patterson is a living demonstration of this statement.

Serving and Thinking

For fifteen years Mr. Patterson was a Pullman and dining car porter. The fact that he continued in the one occupation so long is proof that he gave satisfaction in his work. Dressed often in the jaunty cap and clean, well-pressed uniform which porters wear, Patterson was always careful to see that his passengers were well-cared for. But while he was serving so acceptably as a porter, the man's thoughts were not always on brass buttons, and travel and excitement and—nothing. During spare moments, as his car sped across the continent, he was often engaged in watching the farms through which his train often passed and wondering why he could not do as well in farming as the many prosperous farmers whom he often observed. Especially did the success of farmers appeal to him—

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The Great City

But now his train is winding into one of the great cities of the continent. What will the porter do with his tip received just now with all the tips he received on the trip? Why he will spend it and "enjoy" himself, of course. No, you don't know Patterson. Some porters do that, but not this dreamer—this man who wants a farm and a home. He puts them all in the bank.

"Tips" and a Start

One day he found that he had "about $300, which I saved out of my tips and wages as a railroad porter." And, but let him speak further for himself, "I went way back into the woods of Pennsylvania, * * * and I bought a farm of my own, cleared it of weeds and brushes and the like, and today that farm is one of the best in that section of the country.

A Rather Good Farm and Farmer

Of this porter-farmer the statistician of the State of Pennsylvania says that he is the best in that state. Mr. Patterson says he will not take $175 per acre for his land.

GET READY NOW

If the garden has not been cleared of the dead vegetation of last season's growth, now is the time to do it. The moment the weather will allow, get everything about the garden as well in hand as possible. There is absolutely no telling at precisely what moment the sun and the wind will have the garden ready for work and for planting. At times the elements allow the farmer only a small fraction of a day when gardening may be done early in the season. If he is ready when good old Mother Nature gives him the chance, an extra early planting of peas, lettuce, radishes and beets may be made. If everything is not ready when such an opportunity presents itself, two or three weeks may pass before another planting season offers itself. Get the garden ready, so that when Nature and the farmer are both ready the garden may be planted at once.—Farm and Family.

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The Editor's Page

BAPTIST TROUBLES

First Person—My Business
Second Person—Your Business
Third Person—Every Colored Person's Business

John Mitchell, Jr., Editor of the Richmond (Va.) Planet, is a peacemaker. (Now please don't let everybody rise and begin telling me that he is nothing, nobody, and won't come to "no good end;" because I won't pay any attention to the tellers.)

John Mitchell, Junior, son of John Mitchell, Senior, is a child of God—I don't care what you say, the Eldest Brother of all His Father's children said so, and it is written in my Bible, fifth Matthew, verse nine—"The peacemakers * * * shall be called the children of God."

John Mitchell, Junior, colored citizen of Virginia, is blessed and prosperous. In the same chapter and verse quoted above, I read: "Blessed are the peacemakers * * * ." And in Mr. Mitchell's bank book there is written evidence that he is blessed.

Brother John Mitchell, Junior, lover of his race and of God, has been doing some good work with his pen, trying to point the way to peace in the Baptist denomination among colored people. I don't know Brother Mitchell, in person, but for his broad and sane suggestions to the two contending factions in that church, in the interest of peace and harmony, I am writing "Excellent" on his deportment card, so far as I am the marker.

My Business

The unfortunate disagreements which have arisen in the National Baptist Convention vitally concern me: (1) as an humble worker for the interest of my race; (2) as one of the least of the servants of God; and (3) as a member of the Baptist Church. I may fairly claim, then, that the disagreements are My Business.

Your Business

But they are your business, also; and I am talking to any person who reads these lines, white or black, for every good citizen desires the welfare of all the people; and a sundered race, while very useful for selfish purposes, promotes neither the welfare of itself nor the community in which it lives. Correctly, then, is it said that "In the gain or loss of one race, all the rest have equal claim."

Every Colored Person's Business

But more directly the disagreements in the Baptist Convention concern every Negro everywhere, irrespective of creeds, professions, occupations or station in life. The statements following are fundamental:

The success of every colored person is to the credit of our race.

The success of every colored organization is to the credit of our race.

Every proof of fitness and merit exhibited in a colored organization speaks loudly in favor of the fitness and merit of our race.

Every failure of a Negro hurts all other Negroes.

Every failure of a Negro organization is a reflection upon the Negro's ability to organize and govern.

Because of this, no colored person should sit down contentedly and witness anything likely to bring disaster to a colored organization.

What "They Say"

In my short life, I have read practically all the "hard" things said in this country against the Negro. I have read denunciations delivered against us in the Congress of the United States that have made me sick at heart and tremble for the future of a nation where such things can be said; but I have been a seeker after the truth and you can't get the truth if you are too "touchy" to read and listen to bitter things. In the debates on Hawaii, on Hayti, San Domingo, on the extension of the right of self-government to Cubans, Porto Ricans and Filipinos, in the debates and newspaper articles on Reconstruction days in the South, in the debates in the legislatures which excluded Negroes from the elective franchise, the Negro will find pictures of himself as others profess to see him; but, and this is important, he will find running through all these discussions the repeated suggestion that the black people are incapable of self-government, being unwilling to submit themselves to the rule of *majorities*. (These are not my opinions—I am simply stating what is said against us.)

And if we turn our attention across the seas, we shall hear Great Britain and Germany, in particular, making the same charges; and we shall find, both on this side of the oceans and on the other, that unfriendly critics search out every incident which seems to justify the charge that we can't govern ourselves.

I believe "Everybody" can see, now, what I am "driving at."

Status of the National Baptist Convention—Colored

The National Baptist Convention represents, practically, two millions of colored Baptists. There are, in round numbers, fully ten millions of Negroes in the United States. The Baptists are, therefore, twenty per cent. of all the Negroes in this country. Not only are they the largest religious denomination in the race, but they are also the largest organization of Negroes in the United States.

A split in this organization would be a racial calamity; and every Negro is interested in preventing such a misfortune.

What the Trouble is About

What is the trouble which threatens a split? As a loyal Baptist, I reply that

I'm not going to tell, more than to say that it is nothing more than always arises where a number of strong men work together. But while I'm not going to discuss the details of our Baptist family differences, I am going to point out that every good and true colored person owes it to himself to place his goodwill and influence at the service of the colored Baptists to use to cement the denomination at the present critical juncture.

Baptists Must Not Split

The race can not afford any splits of any kind just now. We need concert of action. We want that Baptists shall present a solid front; that A. M. E's, A. M. E. Z's, M. E's, C. M. E's, Colored Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Catholics, Congregationalists, and all other colored churches shall present, respectively, a solid front; that business leagues, fraternal and all other orders shall stand together. Certainly, we can not afford to have the largest of our organizations divide, for such action will weaken every other organization by just so much.

Baptist Sanity

I believe there is Christianity enough, statesmanship enough, fairness enough, loyalty enough in the Baptist church to prevent any split; but my belief won't protect things. I must sound the alarm and have our neutral friends ready to give aid if we need it.

What Neutral Friends Can Do

We Baptists are a little big-headed, and have a pretty well-defined belief that we can run our own business; but we don't mind having a good neutral friend stand around and let us know that he knows we can run our business, but if he were we, he wouldn't do this thing that we plan to do.

Down in the ranks, we common Baptist soldiers are praying that our great organization may stand intact, a great object lesson to the world that the Negro can govern himself; but it is the duty of every colored denomination, every lodge, every newspaper, every business league, every organization that stands for the highest good of the race to let the colored Baptists of this country know that the other colored organizations of the United States expect them to stay together and prove the race's capacity for self-government.

When the next National Baptist Convention is held we want our friends outside of our denomination to express to the Baptist clergymen and the other delegates their goodwill and hope that the largest organization in the race will stay one body, For the Good of the Race; and we will not be offended if greetings be sent to our convention from other organizations expressing the same hope; and all such messages should be sent and signed, For the Good of the Race.

The King's Business

This is A. M. E. business, M. E. business, A. M. E. Z. business, C. M. E. business, Presbyterian business, Congregationalist business, Episcopalian business, and all other colored church business, simply because it is "The King's Business." And if any man say them nay—if any man point to church discipline or law or creed as reason why such brotherly offices should not be offered, they may reply that they act under the inspiration of a higher than any church law—the Prince of Peace—who made peacemaking a duty by pronouncing a blessing upon peacemakers.

—ISAAC FISHER.

IT WON'T HURT TO READ THIS, BROTHER FARMER

Two rather prominent gentlemen who do not feel very kindly disposed toward the colored farmers, have concluded that one way for the white farmers to escape competition with our farmers is simply to do a kind of farming that Negroes can not do, and they name the things which Negroes can not do, but which constitute high-grade, scientific farming.

The Negro Farmer wishes to say for colored farmers that is has never been and it is not now their purpose so to compete with white people in any line as to rob them of a comfortable living. They want simply to earn a competence for themselves. It is true that their standard of living is low; but it is rising every year and after awhile, if that will be any comfort to those who grieve so much because the Negro lives so cheaply, the colored brother will be asking for the same kind of living conveniences and wages as anyone else.

The Negro Farmer has no quarrel with any person who just can't feel friendly toward colored people—life's too short for that; but this paper will examine the kind acts of friends and the bitter words of foes to see if any light can be had out of them for the benefit of colored people, so that both kindness and unkindness shall be made to serve for the advancement of our race.

The gentlemen quoted above said in effect that the following things make good farmers and that Negroes can not do them:

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Raise More Live Stock	Advertise Together
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Buy Supplies Together	Market Together
Own Machinery Together	Form Credit Societies Together
Work Together	Make Business Trips Together

Have crops graded and shipped together
Confer almost daily about crops and markets
Study feeding, fertilizing, cultivation and business probems together
Develop much of the intimacy of business partners

Every colored farmer should study these items and should consider them a challenge to better efforts. Can you farm in that manner or are you really unable to do so because you were born Negroes? Think about it; and then decide to prove that you can farm as well as any persons on earth.

When this paper was first started we mentioned a number of charges which have been made against colored farmers from time to time before Government Commissions, etc., and we said that we must examine these charges with a view of correcting our faults if any really existed. Some "real" smart colored folks said that the paper was making some "awful" charges against colored farmers.

It must have been this class of colored people that the two gentlemen had in mind when they said that Negroes can't learn to farm properly; for any persons silly enough to put such construction upon the statements made are certainly too silly to learn to do anything but hew and draw water forever and ever, amen.

But there is a class which is seeking all possible light so that they may mend their ways. To them, and not to the other class, these lines are given.

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ABOUT NEGRO FARMER EDITORIALS

February 14, 1915.

Mr. Isaac Fisher,
Editor The Negro Farmer,
Tuskegee Inst., Ala.

Dear Friend:

I must give vent to my appreciation of your editorial (Jan. 30, 1915), on "Taking Care of Our White Friends," as it talks just as I'm wont to do myself. In fact, your ideas expressed there, are absolutely common sense, not extraordinary sense, which we see too much of, at times. The former is more valuable than the latter. It is good to read such sensible articles, and I wish more of our teachers, students, and citizens generally, would stop and take time to read, then digest, i. e., put same in practice.

I have been reading this paper of yours in the library here, but find that it is better to have a copy come to me personally through the mail, hence my enclosed check for $1.00.

Very cordially yours,
F. H. Cardozo,
Director Agricultural Dept., Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee, Fla.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on the splendid get-up of "The Negro Farmer." Your editorials seem to try to surpass themselves. They are simply excellent. We are all exceedingly proud of you and naturally, we are not surprised when you do big things.

Very truly yours,
Wm. H. Holtzclaw,
Principal, The Utica Normal and Industrial Institute, Utica, Miss.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I am much pleased with your paper, and the editorials especially, and I want it continued. Though I am so busy I can't read always, I will try to make it do good here.

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Cordially yours,
(Rev.) C. B. Curtis,
Industrial Missionary Association.
Beloit, Ala.

NORTH ALABAMA NEGROES LECTURED ON DIVERSIFICATION

Normal, Ala., Feb. 14.—Madison County, Alabama, is in the midst of a great crop diversification campaign. Eight teams of experts of the International Harvester Company's Extension Department, accompanied by college professors and newspaper men, are traveling throughout the county lecturing at appointed places several times a day.

The Negroes are not being neglected in this campaign. At some places special meetings have been held for them, and they have been welcome to all the meetings.

The State Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes, at Normal, has been especially favored in that it had some of the best of these speakers Sunday night and all day Monday. The students of this school come from all over the State of Alabama and other Southern States, and are principally children of farmers, who are being educated to remain upon the farm.

President Buchanan expressed special pleasure in having such a man as Dr. J. W. Beason, formerly of Etowah County, Alabama, but now President of the Male and Female College at Meridian, Miss., and an unusually successful dairyman, truck farmer and agricutural enthusiast, engaged in this work of educating the masses.—Montgomery Advertiser.

1,800 NEGRO FARMERS ATTEND CROP LECTURES

3,539 Perry County Tenants and 464 Land Owners Represented at Marion Meeting

Marion, Ala., Feb. 14.—With good roads, ideal weather and the co-operation of the leading white citizens of Perry County, the commendable efforts of Richard H. Lee, Jeanes Fund Supervisor of Negro Schools for Perry County, resulted in assembling of 900 Negro farmers, wives, sons and daughters at the colored Methodist Church, Marion, Rev. G. W. Brownlee, pastor, to attend the three days' meeting of the Movable School for Negroes. The school just closed was conducted under the auspices of the Smith-Lever Bill, directed by the Agricultural Department of Auburn and taught by expert teachers from Tuskegee Institute, Booker T. Washington, Principal and founder.

During Wednesday, Thursday and Friday seven sessions were attended by an average of 250 each, aggregating 1,750 persons with an enrollment of 900 farmers and their wives, besides the students from Lincoln Normal and Industrial Institute in charge of Prof. J. L. Phillips, and the Marion Colored Baptist Academy, in charge of Rev. John Nelson Brown. The attendance and interest increased each day, many attending one session would go out and spread the news to others so that it would be safe to place the attendance at nearly 1,900, including those who registered once but attended all the seven sessions.

Every feature of diversified and intensive farming and home life was plainly discussed by Thomas M. Campbell, United States District Demonstration Agent in charge of local Negro demonstration agents in Alabama; C. W. Greene, for many years manager of the Truck Farm, Tuskegee Institute, and Mrs. Josephine Calloway, an expert in home gardening and home life among her people. They were assisted by leading white citizens of Marion and Perry County who attended each session and delivered inspiring and instructive addresses.—Montgomery Advertiser.

The signs of the times indicate that with the awakening sense of the value of agriculture, now becoming wide-spread, farming, often despised, often forsaken, often abused, will yet lead all occupations in dignity as well as economic value, so that "the stone which the builders rejected (shall become) the head of the corner."

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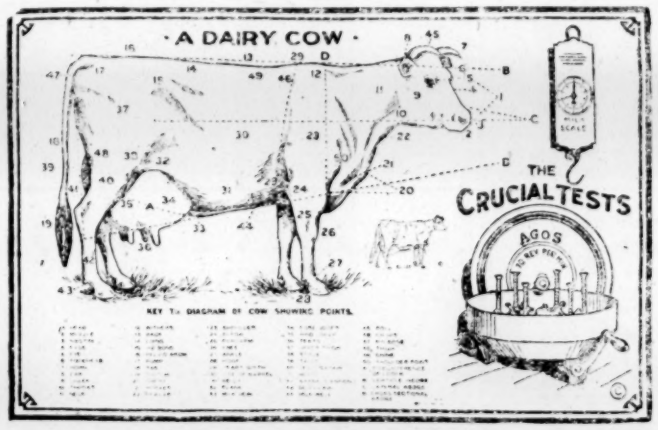

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In selecting varieties, it should be remembered that three or four well-tried sorts of each fruit are better than a large number of varieties, especially if the fruit is to be marketed. If wanted for home use, a large number may be chosen. New and untried varieties are usually to be avoided.

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PREPARE NOW FOR DEAR EGGS NEXT FALL

If the farmer wishes to benefit by the high prices that eggs are certain to bring next fall and winter, he should begin to get ready for them at once, say the poultry specialists in the department. The way the have eggs late in the year is to hatch pullets early. It is the early hatches from which the early pullets are derived that are the largest money makers for the poultry producer. The early hatched cockerels can be marketed in almost any market in America when they attain a weight of three-fourths of a pound to a pound and a half each, which they should reach at about 6 to 10 weeks of age, respectively, at a greater profit to the producer than at any other time of their lives. The early hatched pullets, if properly grown, should begin to lay in the fall at the time when eggs are scarce and high in price.

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